

Transportation IWG Teleconference Summary

Thursday, August 7, 2008, 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Attendance

Co-Leads:

Dennis McLerran	Puget Sound Clean Air Agency
Katy Taylor	Washington Department of Transportation
Lon Wyrick	Thurston Regional Planning Council

Workgroup Members:

*Brian Bowe	PACCAR/Kenworth Trucks
*Chris Carlson	Washington State Insurance Commission
Barbara Culp	Children's Hospital & Regional Medical Center
Bonnie Geers	Weyerhaeuser/Quadrant Homes
Lynne Griffith	Pierce Transit/Washington State Transit System
Jemae Hoffman	Seattle Department of Transportation
Bryan Imai	Washington State Auto Dealers Association
Dan Keefer	PACCAR/Kenworth Trucks
Kim Lyons	Washington State University Energy Program
Bonnie Mager	Spokane County Commissioner
Michael McGinn	Sierra Club
*Louise McGrody	Bicycle Alliance of Washington
Carol Moser	Washington State Transportation Commission
Dave Overstreet	American Automobile Association
Ashley Probart	Association of Washington Cities
Carla Pryne	Earth Ministry
*Shelfali Ranganathan,	Transportation Choices Coalition
Bob Saunders	Washington Department of Ecology
*Keri Shepard	Tribal Transportation Planning Organization
Harold Taniguchi	King County
Liz Warman	Boeing and Commute Reduction Program
<i>*Alternate for Preston Feight, PACCAR/Kenworth Trucks</i>	
<i>*Alternate for Mike Kreidler, Washington State Insurance Commissioner</i>	
<i>*Alternate for Gordon Black, Bicycle Alliance of Washington</i>	
<i>*Alternate for Bill Laborde, Transportation Choices Coalition</i>	
<i>*Alternate for Kurt Vinnish</i>	

Absent:

Bill Clarke	Washington State Association of Realtors
KC Golden	Climate Solutions
Wayne Grotheer	Port of Seattle
Bill Kidd	British Petroleum
Glenn Miles	Spokane Regional Transportation Council
Larry Pursley	Freight/Trucking Industry

Technical Staff and Support:

Hedia Adelman	Washington Department of Ecology
Morgan Ahouse	Sierra Club
Jeffrey Ang Olson	Center for Climate Strategies
David P. Beal	Sound Transit
Louise Bray	Piece Transit
Dick Burkhart	Sierra Club
Keith Cotton	Washington State Department of Transportation
Anne Criss	Washington State Department of Transportation
Mary Fleckenstein	Washington House of Representatives
Karin Landsberg	Washington State Department of Transportation
Brian Lagerberg	Washington State Department of Transportation
Ann McNeal	Sound Transit
Andy Mortensen	Transportation Group
Marcus Santiago	Governor's Policy Office
Melanie Smith	Sound Transit
Leslie Stanton	Puget Sound Clean Air Agency
Seth Stark	Washington State Department of Transportation
Sandi Swarthout	Zip Car
Peter Thein	Washington State Transit Association
Rob Willis	Ross & Associates Environmental Consulting, Ltd.
Roma Call	Ross & Associates Environmental Consulting, Ltd.

Background Documents

(Available online at http://www.ecy.wa.gov/climatechange/2008CAT_iwg_tran.htm)

- Agenda
- Compact and Transit Oriented Development Subgroup - Summary of Actions

Discussion Items and Key Issues

1. T-1 Subgroup Update

- 1.1. The T-1 subgroup provided an update on their progress.
 - 1.1.1. As a first step the subgroup updated the list of actions from the CAT process last year.
 - 1.1.2. The group has identified overlaps with strategies being proposed by the T-1 subgroup and the Washington Department of Transportation (WSDOT) strategic plan.
 - 1.1.3. The subgroup will provide a greenhouse gas emission analysis for each T-1 option.
 - 1.1.4. The subgroup expects to have recommendations for full group consideration by August 12th.
- 1.2. A member asked for clarification on timeframes for the strategies – 2, 6, 10 or 12-years. Subgroup members with check on that issue and report back.
- 1.3. A subgroup member remarked that the subgroup would like the ridership projections to be consistent with the activities of other programs that are looking at ridership.
- 1.4. The subgroup will develop two sets of numbers for the implementation of each T-1 option, - vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gas emission reductions. The numbers will be available for the full group by the August 28 meeting.

2. Transportation Pricing and Funding Background Briefing

- 2.1. Craig Stone, WSDOT Urban Coordinators, presented an overview of the WSDOT tolling and pricing strategies.

- 2.2. The the group will provide the CAT with a general interest statement related to setting the tolling structure to meet the state's goals and reinvesting toll revenues into transit.
- 2.3. The pricing and funding subgroup will identify funding principles and best practices. The subgroup will tee up for the CAT current modeling information regarding vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gas emission reductions. The group will coordinate with the modeling work that the Puget Sound Regional Council has been doing.
- 2.4. A member asked the subgroup to consider system efficiency, and how commerce would work within the tolling context.
- 2.5. A member commented that tolling legislation assumes a reduction in vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gas emissions and requested that the group evaluate whether that was actually the case. Another member suggested that different tolling rates may have different outcomes and that more analysis was needed to form a conclusion on this issue. It was suggested that the group focus on the principles rather than specific tolling strategies.
- 2.6. WSDOT will provide information on what other states are doing related to tolling and pricing for IWG consideration.
- 2.7. The subgroup will meet at least once over next two weeks to develop draft funding and pricing principles, and to compile a list of activities that are occurring locally. On August 28th, the subgroup will present that information to the full group. The full group will discuss the relationship of reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and vehicle miles traveled to the design principles. The IWG will then develop its message regarding investment of revenue.

3. T-4 Compact and Transit Oriented Development Discussion

- 3.1. The T-4 subgroup gave a presentation on its work to date and reviewed a summary paper on the transit oriented development framework.
- 3.2. On the issue of housing and employment, a member asked if the subgroup would consider extending the strategy to any city under the Growth Management Act, including small cities.
- 3.3. The IWG will decide whether this strategy should be recommended to inform individuals on where it thinks development should occur or whether there are specific changes to legislation that the IWG would recommend, such as including small cities. It was suggested that the group consider sharpening or enhancing the existing tools to create more opportunities for transit in dense areas. The subgroup will come back to the full IWG with recommendations on how to do that most effectively.
- 3.4. In addition the subgroup will evaluate funding opportunities under the housing and employment strategy and will report back to the full IWG.
- 3.5. The subgroup is investigating options for better linkage of park and ride lots to transit and housing, including funding strategies and will report back to the IWG.
- 3.6. Members requested that the subgroup consider specific outreach and education opportunities for promoting transit oriented development.
- 3.7. Members asked that the subgroup identify the density threshold and characteristics of transit oriented development.
- 3.8. On the issue of concurrency, the group asked that the subgroup develop more precise recommendations, to allow the CAT to hone in on implementation.
- 3.9. On the issue of bike and pedestrian friendly development, the subgroup is charged with reporting on the following:
 - 3.9.1. Specific information regarding what bike and pedestrian infrastructure would actually deliver.
 - 3.9.2. Information on educational opportunities specific to regional, state and local investment in infrastructure.

3.9.3. Developing options for bike and pedestrian friendly cities.

3.10. The IWG was asked to review the remaining transit oriented development opportunities developed by the subgroup and to provide comments to Rob Willis by email.

Next Steps, Logistics and Schedule Information:

- The subgroups will continue to develop strategies for consideration by the full IWG.
- The T-1 subgroup will clarify the timeframe for their strategies and will check for consistency with other ridership information.
- The T-3 subgroup will develop draft funding and pricing principles, and will compile a list of local activities. The subgroup will consider how commerce would work within the tolling context.
- The T-4 subgroup will consider extending the housing/employment strategy to small cities, develop strategies for enhancing existing tools, evaluate funding opportunities and best practices for the housing/employment strategy, consider strategies for park and ride, develop specific education and outreach opportunities, identify the density threshold and characteristics of transit oriented development, develop more precise concurrency recommendations, and evaluate bike and pedestrian infrastructure opportunities.
- At the August 28 Transportation IWG meeting, the group will focus on T-3 pricing options and the remaining T-4 compact and transit-oriented development options. The T-1 options will be discussed by the IWG at the following meeting.
- The September 19 conference call was cancelled since it conflicts with the CAT meeting scheduled on that day. An in-person meeting was scheduled instead on September 11th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next Transportation IWG meeting will be a meeting on August 28th from 9:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.